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SUBJECT: 1978 ECOSOC SUMMER SESSION - AGENDA ITEM 20:
UN CONFERENCE ON NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY

REF: (A) GENEVA 10646; (B) GENEVA 11357

1. PROPOSED DRAFT RESOLUTION ON UN CONFERENCE ON NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY WAS PROBABLY THE MOST DIFFICULT ITEM FACING G-77 CAUCUS OF ECOSOC. ALTHOUGH MAJORITY OF 77 (OIL IMPORTERS) WOULD PROBABLY HAVE PREFERRED BAUM TEXT (REF A), OR SOME FORM OF CONCRETE ACTION IN COUNCIL, OPEC COUNTRIES APPARENTLY DUG IN AGAINST THIS. BEST THAT GROUP COULD AGREE ON WAS RECOMMENDATION THAT 33RD GA "GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO, AND TAKE DEFINITIVE ACTION ON CONVENING (CONFERENCE) AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME", AND THAT THE ASSEMBLY DEFINE ITS OBJECTIVES, SCOPE, NATURE AND TIMING, AS WELL AS PREPARATORY ARRANGEMENTS. TEXT FOLLOWS BELOW IN PARA 4.

2. TEXT WAS PASSED BY CONSENSUS IN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. IN DISCUSSION FOLLOWING PASSAGE, USDEL OBTAINED ASSURANCES
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FROM COLOMBIA (G-77 SPOKESMAN) THAT INTENT OF LAST PREAMBULAR PARA WAS NO WAY TO LIMIT BILATERAL ASSISTANCE IN THIS AREA. FRG, FOR EC-9, STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF ENERGY WITHIN CONTEXT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, REFERRED TO BREMEN SUMMIT DECISION ON WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST LDC'S IN THIS AREA, AND COMMENDED "FAVORABLE" RECOMMENDATION FOR "DEFINITIVE" GA ACTION. USSR, HUNGARY, PO-

LAND AND UKRANIAN SSR ALL REPEATED RESERVATIONS THAT CONFERENCE WAS "PREMATURE". SOVIET NOTED RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY COSTLIER THAN TRADITIONAL.

3. COMMITTEE ALSO TOOK NOTE OF DOCUMENT A/1978/59 ON COAL AND E/C.8/58, CORR.1 STEMMING FROM CSTD-IV.

4. TEXT OF RES. ADOPTED IS AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING GA RES. 3201 (S-VI) AND 3202 (S-VI) OF 1 MAY 1974 CONTAINING THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, AND 3281 (XXIX) OF 12 DECEMBER 1974 CONTAINING THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES, AS WELL AS ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 3362 (S-VII) OF 16 SEPTEMBER 1975 ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND 2626 (XXV) OF 24 OCTOBER 1970 ON THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE,

AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF INCREASING THE INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

COGNIZANT OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ENSURING THE AVAILABILITY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY IN ORDER TO MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINUED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
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DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

BEARING IN MIND THE NEED TO IDENTIFY CONCRETE MEASURES FOR THE TRANSFER AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE RELEVANT TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS IN NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, DIRECTED TOWARDS THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

RECALLING FURTHER ITS RESOLUTION 2119 (LXIII) OF 4 AUGUST 1977,

1. TAKES NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE SYG ON THE FEASIBILITY OF HOLDING AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NEW AND RENEWABLE RESOURCES OF ENERGY (E/1978/68);

2. STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL ACTION IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION OF NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY, INCLUDING THE HOLDING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE SUBJECT, ESPECIALLY INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN FAVOR OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

3. RECOMMENDS THAT THE GA AT ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION
GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO, AND TAKE DEFINITIVE ACTION
ON CONVENING AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME, A UNITED
NATIONS CONFERENCE ON NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY,
AND IN THAT CONTEXT DEFINE THE OBJECTIVES, SCOPE, NATURE
AND TIMING OF SUCH A CONFERENCE AS WELL AS THE REQUIRED
PREPARATORY ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING INTERGOVERNMENTAL MA-
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